

To Make You Think

1. Who is represented by the king? The son? 2. In what respects is the gospel like a feast? 3. Who were the first invited? 4. How does this apply to the Jews? 5. How was the invitation pressed? 6. Who gave the invitation? 7. Whose duty is it now to give the invitation? 8. How were the invitations treated? 9. How do men now make light of the gospel? 10. In what three ways do men treat the gospel? 11. Is it any worse to violently oppose the gospel than it is to be simply indifferent to its claims? 12. How did the man get in without the wedding garment? 13. Whom does he represent? 14. Was he any better than the men who refused the invitation? 15. Was he any worse? 16. Does this teach that a man may be in the church and yet not in Christ? 17. Is it possible to be in Christ without being in the church? 18. Is there any discipleship outside the church? 19. Where are we now to carry the invitation? 20. What does the wedding garment represent?

Our Bible School

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

There are differences of opinion as to the exact order of the events in the life of Christ, as there are differences in the chronology of the Bible. The outlines followed in these studies are based on good authority, and if they are not in exact agreement with the order of events as you have been taught them, they are at least alike in the main. We again call attention to the importance of forming the habit of reading the scripture outlined for each day.

Readings for the Week

Monday: The Massacre of the Innocents. Matt. 2: 13-23. What angered Herod that he sought to kill the child Jesus? Was such a crime an unusual thing for the Herod family? How were his plans frustrated? Have others sought to destroy Christianity? With what success? What three prophecies were fulfilled in this day's study?

Tuesday: The Training of Jesus Christ. Luke 2: 39-52. What instruction did Jesus have as a boy? Did his parents know who he was or what he was to be? Did Jesus know when a child that he was the Son of God? Was he subject to the law? Did he observe the passover? What took place at the age of twelve? How did he show his wisdom? Did his mother rebuke him for remaining behind? What was his Father's business? Is that our business, too? In what three ways did Jesus grow? Was he like other boys?

Wednesday: The Heraldry of John the Baptist. Luke 3: 1-18. What was the mission of John the Baptist? What did he preach? Who came to him? What did he demand of them? What three answers to the question in verse 10? Is the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the baptism of fire one and the same thing?

Thursday: The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 3: 13-17, and 4: 1-11. Why was Jesus baptized? How was he baptized? How did the Father show his approval? Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted? Does God tempt people? Was it really a temptation to Jesus? Was Jesus capable of not sinning? Was he incapable of sinning? How can a sinless being be tempted? How did Jesus overcome the tempter? In what respect was this temptation like that in Eden?

Friday: The Testimony of John the Baptist and the Beginning of Christendom. John 1: 19-51. What testimony did John bear to Christ? To whom did he point his disciples? How many disciples were here called? Who brought others to Jesus? What is the secret of bringing others to Jesus? What development of faith is here recorded?

Saturday: The Beginning of the Signs. John 2: 1-12. What was the first miracle? Who were invited to this feast? Was Jesus asked to make wine? What kind of wine was this? Does this incident justify the sale of strong drink?

Sunday: The Cleansing of the Temple. John 2: 13-25. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem at this time? How was the temple abused? How is God's house now abused? What prophecy is here recorded? What led many people to believe on Jesus?

The Mission Field

MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE

COURSE OF READING

First Year	Cloth	Paper
1. Crisis of Missions—(Pierson.)	\$1 06	29
2. Armenian Amputheater.		09
3. Do Not Say.		09
4. Our Country.	51	25
5. Life of Sammy Morris.		10
6. Choice Extracts—(Meyer.)		05
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The books, together with other literature, such as circulars giving full particulars how and why to organize and read, description of books, etc., can be had by addressing Rev. C. F. Yoder, Warsaw, Ind. Circles should be organized in every congregation.

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WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

Brother D. C. Moomaw sends a list of pledges for church property aggregating \$109.00; he says there will be more, and I believe it. All this comes from Bethany congregation—just a few names. How many pastors and congregations will do likewise? Try it, and you will have a church building

in the capital city in short order—I say you—yes, it is yours, just the same as ours. Another pretty quilt, and nice little sum of money with it, too, from same congregation; the sisters there mean “business;” if you don’t believe it, look at names on the pledge list. The Lord bless them all!

But I must relate an incident which occurred while brother D. C., was soliciting pledges during our meetings. It contains a most valuable lesson. On being asked to give a pledge, the sister at first hesitated, saying, “I have no way to make any money.” Brother Moomaw said, “Put down \$5.00 and go to work and trust the Lord to raise it.” He handed her the book and she wrote \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 saying, “If the Lord can raise \$5.00, he can raise \$10.00.” That sister has faith. Yes, and when the \$10.00 are needed she will have the money, too. Haven’t we a thousand in our great brotherhood who will talk that way?

But I must not forget to acknowledge also the kindness of Prof. J. A. Hall, of Harrisonburg, Va. Brother Hall and his congregation have made a very generous donation of that popular song book, “Crowning Day,”—Nos. 1 and 2 combined. Our people greatly appreciate it and are delighted with the book. I will devote the rest of my time and space in this letter to giving some of the impressions made upon my mind since our connection with the Brethren church. A little more than eighteen months ago this happy event took place, and the “First Brethren Church,” was organized in the capital of our nation at the same time. We had frequently been told that the “Progressives didn’t amount to much”—they were “worldly,” “proud” etc. But I remembered that hard things were said about the Master and his apostles, and I said, “It is principle and not men that we are discussing.”

Of course I did not expect to find all saints, not by any means, but after prayerful consideration and careful investigation I learned that in the “Brethren Church” I could follow the Master whithersoever he leadeth—teach and practice all of the commandments of the gospel without human interference, and what more could I ask?

Since our identification with the “Brethren” it has been my happy privilege to attend the general conference and mingle with many of its leading representatives; I have also been favored in attending our State conference; also assisted in conducting evangelistic services in two congregation; have been a constant reader of the EVANGELIST for over two years; and while we have found some things not as they should be, yet on the whole, we must say that we have been very favorably impressed. Praise the Lord, that there is still a little flock who rejoice in the “truth as it is in Jesus,” and who are not willing to submit to creedism or any other “isms” of men.

But time and space forbid my giving in detail those characteristic marks of the “Brethren church” that commend it so highly to me. One thing I can not pass without